

Baileyton Medical Center
Bluff City Medical Center
Bulls Gap Medical Center
Dry Creek Medical Center
Hawkins Medical Center
Kingsport Medical Center



Limestone Medical Center
Mountain City Medical Center
Roan Mountain Medical Center
Sneedville Medical Center
West Main Medical Center

Linda W. Buck, President/CEO

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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As a provider of healthcare services to multiple rural counties, we know how important it is for our professionals to have access to patient health information regardless of location. Rural Health Services Consortium, Inc. has been a "neighbor" in Northeastern Tennessee since 1985 with a goal to provide quality family healthcare to those who need and expect the best service available. Whether we are providing service to a patient at home or in one of our clinics, a reliable wireless connection is paramount.

Gaining access to an improved mobile broadband network, which could be made available to us with the AT&T/T-Mobile would be a true "shot in the arm" for our region. Over our time providing health care services, we have come to rely even more on technology to meet our mission. We need more reliable and available service, and I am confident that this merger will help us in these efforts.

The advanced wireless broadband that this merger will bring to our area will help us strengthen our health service programs and help our teams to collaborate not only with each other, but with their colleagues anywhere in the world. I hope you will take into consideration the technology and wireless broadband needs of our rural-serving organization as you evaluate and approve the proposed merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Linda W. Buck", is written over a faint circular background.

Linda W. Buck
President/CEO